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SUBJ: CORN OIL RESIDUE CLASSIFICATION IN THE COMMUNITY

TARIFF SCHEDULE

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 2664

B) STATE 68853

1. SUMMARY: COMMISSION CHIEF OF THE DIVISION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CXT, RAYMOND JANSSENS, INFORMED MISSION OFFICERS THAT CURRENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR CORN OIL RESIDUES WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER. EC STILL, HOWEVER, DETERMINED TO TIGHTEN SPECIFICATIONS AFTER THAT TIME EITHER BY LOWERING UNCLASSIFIED

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MAXIMUM ON STARCH OR RAISING MINIMUM ON PROTEIN. MEMBER STATES DISAGREE ON NUMBERS. JANSSENS EXPECTS TO TRAVEL TO US IN FALL. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIAL JANSSENS INFORMED MISSION INFORMALLY OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT MEETING OF THE EC TARIFF NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE ON CORN OIL RESIDUE SPECIFICATIONS. TARIFF AND GRAIN EXPERTS FROM THE COMMISSION AND THE MEMBER STATES PARTICIPATED.

3. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO EXTEND FOR SIX MONTHS (UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR) THE CURRENT SPECIFICATIONS FOR CORN OIL RESIDUES (CXT 23.04), DROPPING, HOWEVER, THE REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM 30 PERCENT GERM CONTENT. THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THIS POINT IS DEFINITIVE AND NEED NOT BE REFERRED TO THE EC COUNCIL.

4. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SPECIFICATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 1, 1974. THE COMMISSION SOURCE STATED THAT THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION SOURCE STATED THAT THE MEMBER STATES AND THE COMMISSION ARE ALL AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE DIFFERENTIATION OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR EXPELLER AND SOLVENT PRODUCTS. HOWEVER, THERE IS DISAGREEMENT ON THE NUMBERS. THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL FIRST STATED THAT HE EXPECTED THAT THE FUTURE SPECIFICATIONS WOULD ALLOW A 45 PERCENT STARCH CONTENT AND AN 8 PERCENT OIL CONTENT BUT THAT THEY WOULD INCREASE THE PROTEIN CONTENT TO 15 PERCENT. SUBSEQUENTLY HE STATED THAT IF THE US IS WILLING TO ACCEPT A 40 PERCENT MAXIMUM STARCH CONTENT, HE THOUGHT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT PERHAPS BE ABLE TO GO BELOW 14 PERCENT IN THE PROTEIN CONTENT. THIS FINAL FORMULATION WAS THAT, LEAVING THE OIL CONTENT AT 8 PERCENT, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT A MAXIMUM STARCH CONTENT OF 40 TO 45 PERCENT AND A MINIMUM PROTEIN CONTENT OF 13.5 TO 15 PERCENT. THE HIGHTER THE PERMITTED STARCH CONTENT, THE HIGHER WOULD BE THE REQUIRED PROTEIN.

5. JANSSENS STATED THAT HE IS NOW COMMISSIONING A STUDY BY A GERMAN PROFESSOR TO HELP REACH A DECISION ON SPECIFICATIONS. HE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR HIM AND KLAUS PINGLE, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE CUSTOMS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNION, TO TRAVEL TO THE US IN SEPTEMBER TO DUSCUSS THIS MATTER WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND AMERICAN PRODUCERS OF CORN OIL RESIDUES.

6. MISSION OFFICERS REITERATED THE POINTS MADE IN REFTEL B AND PRESENTED A LETTER TO JANSSENS EMBODYING ITS ARGUMENTS AND FIGURES. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD REPORT HIS

POINTS. WE STRESSED THAT MISSION OFFICERS ARE IN NO POSITION TO BARGAIN OVER SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT OUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THAT A 40 PERCENT STARCH REQUIREMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR OUR EXPELLER PRODUCT TO MEET AND A 14. TO 14.5 PROTEIN REQUIREMENT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE. JANSSENS ARGUED THAT HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD AGREE TO A FIGURE BELOW 14 PERCENT. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN SOME HUNDRED ANALYSES OF SAMPLES OF AMERICAN PRODUCT IMPORTED INTO GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS OF WHICH ONLY ONE SAMPLE WAS BELOW 14 PERCENT (IT WAS 13.8 PERCENT). HE WAS, HOWEVER, VAGUE ABOUT WHAT PORTION OF THE ANALYSES WAS BETWEEN 14 AND 15 PERCENT. HE IMPLIED AGAIN THAT THE EC FEARS THAT WITHOUT TIGHT SPECIFICATIONS, MIXING OF CORN OIL RESIDUE AND OTHER CORN BY- PRODUCTS WOULD TAKE PLACE.

7. COMMENT: COMMISSION CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS TO TIGHTEN THESE CRITERIA. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH THE COMMISSION INFORMATION ON SAMPLES OF VARIATION IN US EXPELLER PRODUCT SHIPMENTS IN ORDER TO REINFORCE POINTS IN REFTTEL B.
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